

Exhausted Budget Blamed for Closing Of Night Schools

Unexpected Increases in Attendance Said to Have Forced Suspension Earlier Than Usual This Year

Officials of the Board of Education said yesterday, in answer to informal protests from teachers and pupils that the closing of the elementary classes of the night schools of the city was made necessary by lack of funds. This was due entirely, it was said, to the excessive attendance over the estimates prepared for the month of December, and not to enforced economies made necessary by the turning back of money to the Board of Estimate to help it keep within the legal limit, due to the Board of Education from the Board of Estimate.

According to Superintendent Ettlinger, the night schools usually close about December 10. At this season of the year, he said, many of the pupils were employed in stores at night, and the consequent low attendance made it necessary to eliminate classes. He admitted that there was any lack of money to carry them on. E. Siegel, further inquiry to Mr. E. Siegel, director of evening schools, said that Mr. Siegel had the blame on the present budget system. He said the Board of Education could obtain the money if it made the request to the Board of Estimate.

Weather Report

Local Forecast.—Increasing cloudiness and rain to-day; to-morrow unsettled, probably local snow; increasing southeast and south winds.

Local Official Record.—The following record from the Weather Bureau shows temperatures during the last twenty-four hours of last year:

1922, 1921.	1922, 1921.
1 a. m. ... 15	3 p. m. ... 24
4 a. m. ... 15	6 p. m. ... 23
7 a. m. ... 14	9 p. m. ... 21
10 a. m. ... 14	12 m. ... 20
1 p. m. ... 14	3 p. m. ... 19
4 p. m. ... 14	6 p. m. ... 18
7 p. m. ... 14	9 p. m. ... 17
10 p. m. ... 14	12 m. ... 16

High: 24 degrees (at 3 p. m.); lowest, 14 (at 8:30 a. m.); average, 19; average same date last year, 37; average same date for thirty-three years, 34.

Humidity.—54.1 p. m. ... 71.8 p. m. ... 69

Barometer Readings.—1 a. m. ... 30.42; 1 p. m. ... 30.57

General Weather Conditions.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A disturbance that was central in the British Columbia coast last night has moved rapidly southward and its center was over Minnesota to-night and pressure was falling rapidly from the region southwestward to Texas. Pressure also was low over Newfoundland and it was high over the Atlantic.

There have been rains within the last twenty-four hours in the south Atlantic and east coast states and the north Pacific and local snows in the lake region and in the northern border states from Minnesota westward to Idaho. The temperature was lower to-day in the Atlantic states, but the weather became much warmer in North Dakota and portions of the Canadian Northwest.

The Minnesota disturbance will move rapidly southward over the lake region and it will be attended by local snows to-day and to-morrow night in the Ohio Valley and Wednesday night in the Ohio Valley and Wednesday night in the Ohio Valley and Wednesday night in the Ohio Valley.

Forecast by Districts.—Eastern New York.—Increasing cloudiness and warmer to-day; probably snow in north and west portions; to-morrow unsettled, probably local snow.

Western New York.—Snow to-day and to-morrow; warmer to-day; colder to-morrow in west portion.

Daily Radio Program

Wednesday, December 20

WJZ, Newark (360 meters)

8 a. m.—Farm reports; musical program.

11:45 a. m.—Arlington time signals.

1 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

2 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

3 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

4 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

5 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

6 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

7 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

8 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

9 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

10 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

11 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

12 m.—Continuation of piano concert.

1 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

2 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

3 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

4 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

5 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

6 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

7 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

8 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

9 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

10 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

11 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

12 m.—Continuation of piano concert.

1 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

2 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

3 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

4 p. m.—Continuation of piano concert.

Sale of Early American Furniture Brings \$9,315

Pennsylvania-German Workmanship Seen to Advantage in Many of the Offers

Early American furniture featured the closing session yesterday of the sale at the American Galleries, comprising selections from the collection of J. Louis Isaac, of Philadelphia. A total of \$9,315.50 was received, including the proceeds from the season devoted to early pewter, porcelain and glass.

The applewood secretary desk of Pennsylvania-German workmanship, dating from 1790, was purchased by Mrs. C. W. Gallup for \$300. An agent bid the same sum for a Pennsylvania-German walnut sideboard. An early American walnut highboy was acquired by Mrs. A. A. Tranter for \$275. Bernard Glick gave \$190 for a Chippendale style mahogany, fall-front, writing desk of eighteenth century American make, and W. R. Hart gave \$170 for the pair of rare Chippendale knife urns.

The Margolis Shop bought a Maryland walnut and mahogany writing desk for \$165. Ginsberg & Levy obtained the mahogany sofa in the manner of Duncan Phyfe for \$185, together with a carved and gilt walnut Chippendale mirror for \$150.

Hays Visits Wallace Reid; Finds Actor Improved

Head of Industry Drops In to Say "Merry Christmas" Before Coming East

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Will H. Hays, head of the motion picture industry, late today visited Wallace Reid, film actor, at the Hollywood Sanatorium, where he is suffering a nervous breakdown.

Hays met Mrs. Reid at the sanatorium and accompanied her to the bedside of her husband. He shook hands with Reid, said he hoped he was getting along well and would soon be himself again, and added that he had come to wish him a Merry Christmas before returning to the East. Reid thanked Mr. Hays for coming to see him.

After the interview, which lasted only a minute or two, Mr. Hays remarked that the patient looked much better than reports had led him to expect. Reid spoke clearly, he said, his eyes appeared normal and in every way seemed to be in an encouraging mental and physical condition.

Prison Honors Own Veterans

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—In memory of the inmates of the Eastern Penitentiary who were paroled so that they might enlist in the military service during the World War a tablet was unveiled in the institution to-day.

Bandits Kill Chicago Policeman

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Probationary Policeman Ralph S. Sanders was shot and killed by two bandits in an attempted hold-up on the South Side to-day. The slayers attempted to rob a grocery and when the policeman went to the store manager's aid he was slain.

Bedtime Stories

The Hunters Lose a Possum Dinner

By Thornton W. Burgess

The worst befalling you or me
Is never bad as it might be.

—Unc' Billy Possum.

Unc' Billy ought to know. Certainly it seemed as if matters with him could not be any worse. He had been shaken out of a tree and had fallen to the ground with a dreadful thump in the midst of a group of hunters. He had been shaken by a dog and now he was being carried, he knew not where, by one of those hunters. He was being carried by his tail. He looked to be dead. He had looked that way ever since he had struck the ground. The hunters thought he was dead, and they were planning to serve him up for dinner.

It was just as well that Unc' Billy couldn't understand what they were saying. Imagine how he would have felt if he could have understood what they were planning to do with him. He certainly would have felt then that things were worse than they really were. They were bad enough as it was. It wasn't comfortable, to say the least, to be carried by the tail, and pumpeled against trees and slapped in the face by twigs of bushes.

But Unc' Billy made no sign that he was alive. He hung as limp and motionless as if he were really dead. Not once did he enter the heads of the hunters that he wasn't very much alive. In fact, there wasn't anything the matter with him. The thump when he had hit the ground had knocked the breath from him, but that was all. You see he had known how to fall. He had fallen as limply as he now hung by his tail.

For a while a hush happened. Then Unc' Billy heard the voice of that dog who had chased him up a tree. He knew by the sound that that dog had found the tracks of some one and was following them. The hunters became excited. They hurried after the dog, and, because it was night, and of course dark in the Green Forest, Unc' Billy was bumped against trees more often than he would have been had the hunter who carried him been able to see better.

By and by the barking of that dog came from one place, and Unc' Billy guessed that that dog had chased



For a Possum as fat as Unc' Billy was he certainly did travel.

some one up a tree. He hoped it wasn't Mrs. Possum or one of their children. But he was afraid it was. That worried him. It worried him more than his own personal troubles. After a while the hunters reached the place where the dog was barking. Sure enough it was at the foot of a big tree. The dog kept leaping up at the foot of the tree, all the time barking so fast and excitedly that Unc' Billy wondered he had any voice left.

The hunters became as excited as the dog. They gathered around the foot of the tree and one of them prepared to climb it. The one who was carrying Unc' Billy tossed him down on a stump and joined the others, all of whom were staring up and trying to see who was in that tree. Very, very slowly Unc' Billy turned over onto his feet. No one was watching him. Without making a sound he climbed down on the back side of that stump, then slowly but silently stole away. As soon as he felt that it was safe to do so he ran. My, how he did run! For a Possum as fat as Unc' Billy was he certainly did travel. The hunters had lost a Possum dinner but they didn't know it.

(Copyright, 1922, by T. W. Burgess)

The next story, "How Bobby Coon Saved Unc' Billy."

Pershing Square Building

42nd St., Park Ave., 41st St.

NEW YORK

Office Space

FLOORS OF 17,000 SQUARE FEET WILL BE DIVIDED INTO UNITS OF 1000 SQUARE FEET OR MORE

Natural light throughout and on all sides.

Most convenient location in New York.

Building construction and equipment of the highest and most modern type.

Character of tenants restricted.

RENTING AGENT ON PREMISES OR YOUR OWN BROKER

Pershing Square Building Corporation

9 East 46th Street, New York

Telephone—Vanderbilt 0280

WBS, Buffalo (360 meters)

8:45 p. m.—"The Town Crier."

9:15 p. m.—"The Town Crier."

9:45 p. m.—"The Town Crier."

10:15 p. m.—"The Town Crier."

Astor Place at Ninth Street Telephone 4700 Stuyvesant Formerly A. T. Stewart Store Hours: 9 to 6

The City's Christmas Chimes Are Ringing

From the Writings of the Founder

This City's Christmas Chimes

On Broadway, a little above the Wanamaker Store, is the Old Grace Church.

Out of the old steeple the musical geniuses preside over its bells touch hammers little and big and the sky is filled with songs like unto the songs of angels.

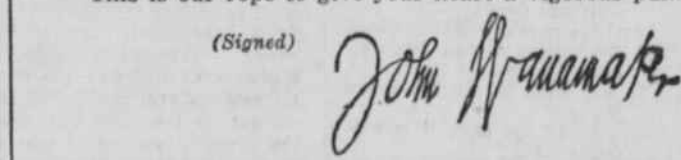
Ring and rolling soft and sweet over the roofs from that old belfry there floats a message of good will and cheer to every living soul.

Wherever there is a bell in the city the thoughtful bell ringer will join in the Christmas carol of the bells.

There is no human hand that cannot ring a joy bell for two persons on Christmas morning—for himself and another; it only takes a kindly heart and a few minutes devoted to doing something in which we will be your helpers if you are so minded.

This is our rope to give your heart a vigorous pull.

(Signed) John Wanamaker



A U Q U A T R I E M E

Large Cushions

Covered in reproductions of Old Italian Brocades

These big luxurious cushions make the nicest sort of Christmas gift. They are covered on one side with brocade and on the other with taffeta in a plain color matching the brocade. The designs and colors are unusually beautiful.

Brocade Cushions

Turquoise blue, brocaded in green, rose, old blue and gold, \$37.50.

Green brocade, pattern of grape vine and leaves, with bunches of gold and silver grapes (illustrated), \$37.50.

Old rose brocade, \$30.

Old gold brocade, \$30.

Silk Cushions

Scarlet ribbed silk with four dark blue stripes, \$30.

Cerise taffeta, \$25.

Vert antique taffeta, \$18.

These cushions vary slightly in size but they are all about 38x21 in.

Au Quatrieme, Fourth floor, Old Building.

Walnut Tables

Low, round two-tier walnut table, \$75.

Low, round two-tier table, rose wood, metal gallery, \$150.

These are very nice for tea or coffee tables, on account of the lower tier for extra cups, sandwiches, etc.

Queen Anne gate-legged table, inlaid walnut, \$85.

Directoire three-tray table, American walnut, one drawer, \$45.

Walnut three-tier table, for books, magazines, etc., (illustrated) \$50.

Cornelia bedstead table in maple, one drawer, \$15.

Fourth Gallery, New Bldg.

Lingerie of Unusual charm

In new and exclusive styles

Finely plaited in the charming French manner or daintily hand embroidered, these pretty underthings of crepe de chine smartly adorned with white net are delightful expressions of the new mode.

Camisoles Step-in Chemises Vest Chemises Step-in Drawers in exquisite shades of pink and mauve, and in white.

Third floor, Old Building.

Christmas Cards and Calendars

are to be had in The Book Store for very little. Each expresses heartiest holiday sentiments in some individual manner.

Christmas cards and booklets, 5c to \$1.

Christmas post cards 1c, 10c dozen.

Wanamaker Packet, 12 engraved cards and envelopes, 25c.

Gift novelties for grown-ups and children, a box of corn, Japanese water flowers, a world, other amusing little things, nicely boxed, 25c to \$1.

Narcissus bulb and bowl, attractively boxed, 75c to \$4.25.

Art calendars, 25c to \$6.75.

Block calendars, 50c to 75c.

Calendars of famous authors, 35c to 60c.

Old fashioned sampler card, 5c.

Life's Society calendar, illustrated by Coles Phillips, 75c.

Life's Vanity calendar, illustrated by Leydenker, 75c.

In The Book Store, Street floor, Old Building.

Smart Women Appreciate Gifts of Necklaces of Semi-precious Stones with matching Earrings

The beauty of the gift of an unusual necklace of exquisitely matched semi-precious stones is greatly enhanced in the eyes of the woman of fashion by the addition of earrings to match. And even if only the necklace or the earrings are given for Christmas, she must pleasantly anticipate almost certainly being able to complete the set at a later time.

Genuine Chinese Jade Necklaces, opera length in the light motif, \$115. Earrings to match, \$48 pair. Of jade of finer quality, \$415; with diam. no class, \$485. Earrings to match, \$38 each pair.

Other 24 stones, \$43 to \$78. Earrings to match, \$49 to \$38.

These one include necklaces and matching earrings of carnelians, green agate, malachite, black onyx, chalcedony, blue agate and other unusual and very beautiful ones.

Amber Necklaces, \$125 to \$40.

Amber Earrings, \$5.50 to \$13.50.

Yellow and brown cut amber and of course the cloudy variety.

Coral Necklaces, \$16.75 to \$385.

Earrings, \$21 to \$90.

Cameo coral in pale pink-tinted for necklaces, \$18.75 to \$25.75.

Necklaces of pale pink coral, \$175 to \$385. Button earrings to match, \$72 to \$90. Necklaces of red coral, \$10.50 to \$35. Earrings to match, the finer strands, \$21.

The Jewelry Store, Street floor, Old Building

In the Auditorium Today at 2:30 P. M.

Sunset Club Day

A Carload of Easy Chairs Arrives in Time for Christmas Delivery

Duplicates of chairs from the Edwin A. Simonds shop of Syracuse will be shown in the Furniture Exhibition January at Grand Rapids. But arriving here late we offer them now

At a Fourth Less in Price

No two alike. Beautiful designs of frame and fabric. Splendidly constructed.

\$40 for \$53.50 arm chairs in antique brown finish, tapestry cover.

\$46.50 for \$62 high back mahogany arm chair in figured velours.

\$59 for \$79 Heppelwhite arm chair of mahogany with tapestry seat.

\$49 for \$66.50 walnut arm chair in tapestry.

\$69 for \$93 walnut frame ottoman in antique finish. Down cushions in tapestry, fine design.

\$79 for \$105.50 Louis XVI. mahogany arm chair in blue silk velours.

\$86 for \$129 small wing arm chair in figured wool tapestry.

\$84 for \$112.50 Louis XV. arm chair in mahogany with blue tinsel flowered damask.

\$98 for \$131 high back Chippendale chair in mahogany with richly carved wood, tapestry seat.

\$104 for \$139 library arm chair of walnut and tapestry.

\$101 for \$135.50 walnut 4 foot bench, covered with tapestry in antique design.

\$121 for \$161.50 Chippendale arm chair, richly carved back, mahogany frame, velvet seat.

\$127 for \$170.50 Carleton Club arm chair, walnut frame, figured brown mohair.

Fifth Gallery, New Building.

Bed Coverings—Gifts!

They will not only warm the heart, but warm the body the long winter nights after Christmas.

Silk-covered Down Quilts, \$27.50

Cut 6x7 feet—big and warm; filled with down; covered with Jap. silk in plain colors.

All-silk satin-covered down quilts, plain colors, \$38.

Wool-filled Comforters

With plain colored sateen coverings, stitched all over—\$9, \$10.50, \$12.50. With figured centers and plain borders, \$11, \$12.50, \$13.50.

Cotton-filled Quilts

With plain satin borders and good quality silkoline figured centers—extra long quilts, \$6.50.

First floor, Old Building.

\$17.50 Will Be the Price of This 10-piece Toilet Set

If purchased in the normal way we would consider it a good set for \$25

Ivory celluloid of commendable quality.

The 10 pieces are the most necessary ones for the dressing table—

Hair Brush Mirror Shoe Horn

Cloth Brush Comb Nail File

Powder Box Buffer Shoe Hook

Hair Receiver

Other sets, plain or decorated, in ivory shell or amber celluloid. With or without fancy lined cases.

Street floor, Old Building.

If You're a Man Puzzled What to Give a Certain Young Woman

—your younger sister or your mother—may we suggest for one or all of them a handbag.